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Monrovia Rockhounds Newsletter

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MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS



Our Website is www.moroks.com



ELECTED OFFICERS



PRESIDENT – Cal Matthews (626) 798 -7481



VICE PRESIDENT – Michele Silcock



SECRETARY – Denise Davis



TREASURER – CUSTODIAN - Jim Lloyd

AUDITOR –

CHAIRPERSONS

REPRESENTATIVE – Ray Ritchey

REPRESENTATIVE – Colleen Chestnut

FEDERATION – Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624

MEMBERSHIP—Denise Davis

SHOW – WEBSITE – Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624

CUSTODIAN – Jim Lloyd

BULLETIN – Janie Duncan (626) 358-8157

HISTORIAN – Nancy Hamrick

PHOTO—Donald Sneberger

ROCK DRAWING -

FIELD TRIP –

CARD FELLOWSHIP - Aynn Freeman

FELLOWSHIP: - Victor Castellano

Mission Statement : Our Purpose is to promote popular interest and education in the earth sciences, including geology, mineralogy, paleontology, the lapidary arts, and related subjects; to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of persons and groups with similar interests; and by and through such means to strive toward greater community and international good will and fellowship. We also support promoting and ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational rock hunting and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes related to the earth sciences. We are a registered 501 C 3 non profit organization.

Affiliations & Accreditations: The Monrovia Rockhounds is affiliated with the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (CFMS), the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), and the American Lands Access Association (ALAA).

Membership: Annual donations are \$15.00 per member and \$5.00 per each additional member at the same address. \$10.00 per name badge is payable on the date of initiation.

Meetings: MOROKS meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. At 7:00 pm, in the basement of the United Methodist Church of Monrovia, located at 140 E. Palm Ave. Monrovia CA 91016. The building is on the corner of Ivy & Palm Ave. We use the door where there is handicapped access in the alley on the west side of the building. Do not try to enter from the front of the building. Guests are always welcome at our General Meetings. Please come and share our love of rocks.

Information: Monrovia Rock Hounds Inc. was founded August 28th, 1957. The club colors are green & white. The club is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing knowledge of the lapidary arts, geology, mineralogy, and other related fields. Members enjoy slide shows, lectures, demonstrations, displays, lapidary classes, our club library as well as field trips for exploration, study and collecting specimens.

We reserve the right to edit all material submitted for publication.

If you have any submissions for this newsletter or need to contact the editor Janie Duncan please email her at janieduncan@altrionet.com



Prez Sez Thank you for electing our new Monrovia Rockhounds directors - all five of us, although our current auditor has chosen to leave before her new term and a new officer will need to be quickly appointed. You probably know many of our board have served before in various capacities as board members or group chairs. As president I will represent your voice and desires to our board for careful consideration. All our board welcome your input regarding club matters so feel free to contact us by email or phone. Lapidary, beading, gardening and reading are all pastimes that compete for large slices of my life. My favorite mineral is Turquoise, preferably undyed, non-stabilized, as mined, semi-precious stone, often used as beads. *Cal Matthews*



Vice Prez Sez Hello Michele here! Newly appointed Vice President of Morocks. I would like to tell all of you we are going to have a awesome new year, with programs, field trips. I am going to do my best to make a difference in in our club. I have a opened mind on what you has a club would like to see and do in the up incoming year, so feel free to call me and tell what you would like to see this year. I have some big shoes to fill, having watched Janie Duncan do her magic. And would like to say thank you Janie for making me want to step into your shoes! You have done an outstanding job!

Michele Silcock



Janie Duncan



Cal Matthews Michele Silcock Denise Davis



Judy McCulloch

2015 MULTI-CLUB FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Expanded and current information for these collecting opportunities will be published in the various newsletters for the particular month. As always, you should to contact the field trip leader ahead of time because: 1. Sometimes field trips are canceled or changed for various reasons including inclement weather or areas being closed. 2. If we don't know you are coming we won't wait for you and you may not find out the planned camp site was moved until too late. Distributed to the representatives of the Delvers – Long Beach – North Orange County – Pasadena – Whittier – Searchers Gem - Monrovia Rockhounds Mineral and Lapidary Clubs

APR 24-26: KRAMER JUNCTION - Collecting dendritic agates, jasper, bloodstone, white opal, petrified bog, twigs and grasses and opalite, mineral collecting at the Borax Mine. Optional Petroglyph viewing.

MAY 9-10: PRIMM, NV - Magma Chamber minerals, pyrites, visit to the Copper World Mine.

JUNE 20: TOURMALINE DIG - Pala area. Mine location to be determined.

JULY 18: PALOS VERDES -: Glaucofane, barite and agate minerals.

AUG 2: LOS OLIVOS to collect Soap Stone and Serpentine, the California State Rock.

SEPT 19-20: GREENHORN MOUNTAINS - Kernville Rose Quartz, Epidote, Garnet

OCT 10-11: SEARLES LAKE SHOW & field trips: Pink halite crystals & borax minerals.

NOV 7-8: WHITTIER CLAIM AREA - Barstow for honey onyx, agate, jasper, palm root.

NOV 27-29: THANKSGIVING TRIP - Owens Valley or Afton Canyon.

DEC 12: SALTON SEA - YUHA Fossil Beds, Tour Geothermal Power Plant, Mud Volcano Field.

March 5th

MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS BOARD MEETING

President: *Janie Duncan* called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM.

Vice President: *Camille Rutkowski* absent March is Janie Duncan's new program "Stone Stories" Rocks and the stories they tell. April is the Silent Auction. May is Dick and Mary Pat Weber Pilbara Region of Australia.

Secretary: *Michele Silcock* The minutes were approved as written in the bulletin.

Representative: *Ray Ritchey* no report **Representative:** *Colleen Chestnut* no report

Treasurer: Jim Lloyd. We have 50 paid members.

DUES ARE DUE!

Auditor: *Louise Stack* will pick up the check book at the next meeting.

Website: *Jo Anna Ritchey* It is up to date.

Photographer: Donald Sneberger was absent

Federation: *Jo Anna Ritchey* The 2015 Show will be in Lodi and hosted by the CFMS officers. June 12-14 Jo Anna plans to go. The 2016 in Placerville. They are near gold panning areas and will have fieldstrips. It will be in the convention Center.

Fellowship: *Louise Stack* Ray is in rehab and doing better.

Card Fellowship: *Aynn Freeman* absent

Field trip: Go on the combined Club Trip to Lavic Siding

Bulletin: *Janie Duncan* No report

Historian: *Nancy Hamrick* absent

Potluck Bingo BBQ night: *Donald Sneberger* no report

Great Rock Drawing: *Louise Stack* Amethyst crystals

Custodian: *Jim Lloyd* has the bill for the Truck. We will let the Scouts pick up the cases later.

Refreshments: Linda Doran will bring them for April. Louise Stack will do May.

Show: *Jo Anna Ritchey* went through all the Chairmen and all seem to be on track for the show. Banner is up. Truck rental is set up and we will keep it with returning it until Sunday night. Thomas Will is doing overnight security. Jim will get change. Lunch is all under control. Louise has as many volunteer shifts covered as possible. Please contact her if you have not signed up. We do not have enough drinks or waters. PLEASE bring some! William and Ralph have security ready. William has got our show all over so Cal including some TV spots. We have sold \$220 worth of presale tickets. Turn them in on Friday before show if you can. Kid's corner and printing are ready. We still need more main prizes but Michele has collected quite a few and has them recorded. Hourly prizes are all dome. We hacc skirting. Jim says we have enough grab bags. The treasure wheel is all ready with all the new prizes put together at the meeting workshop. Ralph has the sound system. Thomas Will got dollies for moving the case. We will meet at 8:00 am to pick it us. Jum says the light inside is working and mounted handles on it.

Old Business: *Janie Duncan*

1.The new officers start at the April meeting. Remember that the board meeting is at 6:00 pm before the regular meeting in the kitchen at the Church.

2.The installation lunch will be on March 29th at noon at Young's Gourmet in Duarte. RSVP Michele Silcock.

New Business: 1. Cal will have the budget next month.

2. We need to vote on our 2015 MHS scholarship recipient tonight. Sophia Carneval is the winner of the \$500.

Janie Duncan Adjourned the meeting at 2:19 pm



Bench Tips by Brad Smith More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at FaceBook facebook.com/BenchTips or at groups.yahoo.com/group/ Get all of Brad's bench tips in "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon .com

PIECE OF LEATHER

Leather has a multitude of uses in the shop. I often use a scrap of it to avoid scratching the back of a piece of jewelry while setting stones. It's also great for times when you need to clamp one of your tools in a vise, for instance a drawplate.

March 19th

MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS GENERAL MEETING

President: *Janie Duncan* called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Vice President: *Michele Silcock* absent Tonight will be Janie Duncan's new program "Stone Stories." April is the Silent Auction. May is Dick and Mary Pat Weber Pilbara Region of Australia. June program will be William Preston Bowling focusing on the LA River area with his slides and presentation.

Secretary: *Michele Silcock* was absent The minutes were approved as written in the bulletin.

Representative: *Ray Ritchey* no report

Representative: *Colleen Chestnut* no report

Fieldtrip: is the combined to Lavic Siding.

Treasurer: *Jim Lloyd*. W3as absent. We have 50 paid members. **Auditor** *Louise Stack*: working on it.

Website: *Jo Anna Ritchey* up to date.

Federation: *Jo Anna Ritchey* The 2015 Show will be in Lodi and hosted by CFMS officers. June 12-14 Jo Anna plans to go. The 2016 in Placerville. They are near gold panning areas. There will be field trips. New Convention Center. The club voted to appoint Michele as an assistant to Jo Anna and pay for her expenses to go to the meeting.

Fellowship: *Louise Stack* We had 5 guest present. Ken & Louise Hussy, Gail Saxton Roxanne Sanchez and Jeff and Dillon Anderson. Jim Lloyd and Donald are both out sick.

Photographer: Donald Sneberger was absent

Show: *Jo Anna Ritchey* Best Show ever. We made good profits. No real security problems. I theft from a dealer. Pick up prizes tonight. Weather was good. We sold all the tickets! That was 500 more than last year. The main prizes were the best ever! Next year we need more drinks! Food was good. Kid's booth was good. The geodes did great! We will need more next year. Sound system worked great! Thanks Ralph! We had 33 dealers.

Bulletin: *Janie Duncan* We just got an Office Depot business discount card and the Monrovia store is closing.

Historian: *Nancy Hamrick* was absent

Potluck Bingo BBQ night: *Donald Sneberger* Absent

Great Rock Drawing: *Louise Stack* The drawing was for a rock collection from Argentina and an amethyst crystal.

Custodian: *Jim Lloyd* absent. When he is better we will give the boy Scouts the 6 cases.

Refreshments: Linda and Kevin Doran have volunteered for tonight. Louise Stack volunteered for April.

Old Business: *Janie Duncan* 1.. We have t-shirts for sale for \$10.00 each.

2. **The installation lunch will be on March 20th** at noon at Young's Gourmet in Duarte. Young's Gourmet 1340 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010 It is on the South East park of a strip mall near Buena Vista across the street from Big Lots. Carl's Jr. is on the corner. We will have a private room in the back of the restaurant. Everyone buys their own lunch. Lunch specials start at \$5.80 plus tax and tip. All are welcome. Free raffle for a jade pendant. RSVP Michele 626 357 8425. Chinese New Year Theme.

3. Remember that the board meeting next month is at 6:00 pm in the kitchen at the Church before the general meeting.

New Business: *Janie Duncan* 1. Tonight we vote for the 2015 Monrovia High School Student who recieves a \$500 scholarship. The winner is Sophia Carnevale. See more info this newsletter page 6.

Janie Duncan Adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES! \$15.00 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND \$20.00 FOR A FAMILY. Send it to the PO Box or bring it to the meeting.

Rock Song Title of the Month: "I'm Stone In Love With You" song by THE STYLISTICS

April will be The Silent Auction. Everyone please bring items!

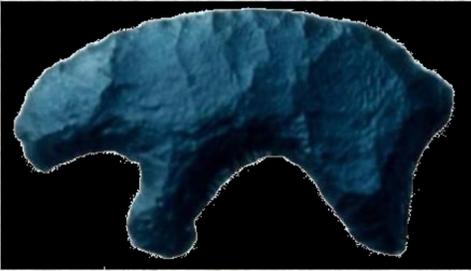


<http://www.amlands.org> for more information on what you can do to protect our rock sites.

The Chipped Stone Bear

By Susan Chaisson-Walblom, CFMS President

California designated the chipped stone bear as the official state prehistoric artifact in 1991 (actual size about 2.5 by 1.5 inches). Discovered in 1985 at an archaeological dig site in San Diego County, this small stone resembles a walking bear. The bear was created about 7- 8,000 years ago out of volcanic rock by one of California's first human inhabitants.



California is the first state to designate a prehistoric artifact as an official state symbol.

Picture from: History and Culture
California State Library



March
Meeting
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Welcome to the new 2015 Monrovia Rockhound Board.

President - Cal Matthews. Cal is a long time member of Moroks having served previously on the Board as President and Vice President. He is a retired engineer and lives in Pasadena with his wife Em. His special interest is turquoise and he is frequently wearing something with turquoise stones. Cal also enjoys reading and gardening. He welcomes your input regarding club matters so feel free to outreach him anytime.

Vice President- Michele Silcock. Michele has previously served as Secretary for Moroks. She lives in Monrovia with her husband Allen and her menagerie of pets. She even has a pet miniature horse! Her favorite stone is turquoise too. Michelle was previously an award winning floral designer and is retired now. Her claim to fame is as a VW off-road race car driver. Michele also loves attending Nascar events, almost as much as she loves her grandchildren. She is looking forward to designing our programs this year as Vice President and hopes for full club participation.

Treasurer- Jim Lloyd. Jim is a long time club member and has served as Treasurer for many years. He is a retired engineer and also serves as Club Custodian. He is known to be the man with the really big Rainbow Obsidian Rock at the door of our annual show. Due to his expertise with geodes, he presides over the Geodes at our show booth. Jim lives in Pasadena with his wife Laura who is also a member. They have provided many beautiful show cases over the years for the enjoyment of members and guests, sharing their vast collections and knowledge.

Secretary- Denise Davis. This is Denise's first year serving as a Board member. Her interest in beading and jewelry with natural materials led her on the path towards Moroks. She works full time as an RN Case Manager for a health insurance company. Denise resides in Arcadia with her retired husband William who is also a member. She and William both love to fish and spend much of their free time promoting and volunteering in free kids fishing events.

Auditor-Position currently open and will be appointed.

Monrovia Rockhounds picks 2015 Monrovia High School Scholarship winner. Each year the club gives \$500.00 to student in keeping with our goal of providing support for education in our community.

Sophia Carnevale is a senior with a 3.9 grade point average and a member of the National Honor Society. She is majoring in Environment Science non profit Research, with a minor in International Development. She plans to attend Point Loma Nazarene University. She is a varsity track athlete and also competes in the Academic Decathlon. She is into drama and was in most of the schools productions these past 2 years. Sophia is a member of 4 community service organizations. She will be given her check and plaque at the MHS awards night on June 1st at 6pm.

MOROKS PICTURE PAGE 2015 Gem & Mineral Show

Pictures by Donald Sneberger & Friends



Michele Silcock

Denise Davis



Becky and Ralph Fregoso



Jim Lloyd

Marcus Look



Rob Hull



Nancy Hamrich

Pamela Osburn



William Davis

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Colleen Chestnut Em Matthews

Ray Ritchey



Victor Castellano

Ray Audette

Holly Galuzzo



Frankie Greenham



Cal Matthews Jo Anna Ritchey



Camille Rutkowski

Nancy Hamrich



Nancy Bird Colleen Chestnut



Tom Freeman Lydia (Garden Club)



Chris Tureaud Michele Silcock



Linda & Kevin Doran



Louise Stack



Aynn Freeman Beverly Davilia

MOROKS PICTURE PAGE 2015 Installation Lunch

Pictures by Donald Sneberger



Cal Mathews
2015 MOROKS
President



Jim Lloyd



Nancy Hamrich Judy McCulloch Michele Silcock Em & Cal Matthews



Crustal uplift cake by Janie Duncan



Kendra & Yvette Fitzgerald Ray Audette Gail Koons



Em Matthews Colleen Chestnut Ray and Jo Anna Ritchey



Allen
And
Michele
Silcock



Aynn &
Tom
Freeman
Linda
&
Kevin
Doran

CFMS April Rock Shows

April 4 - 5: CHICO, CA Paradise Gem & Mineral Society Silver Dollar Fairgrounds 2337 Fair Street Hours: 10 - 4 daily Contact: Manuel Garcia, (530) 877-7324 Website: www.paradisegem.org

April 11 - 12: MARIPOSA, CA Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society Mariposa County Fairgrounds 5005 Fairgrounds Road (south of Mariposa on Hwy49) Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Randy Bolt, (209) 742-7625 Email: rockmuseum@sti.net Website: www.camineralmuseum.com

April 18 - 19: SAN JOSE, CA Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society Santa Clara County Fairgrounds 334 Tully Road Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Frank Mullaney, (408) 265-1422 Email: info@scvgms.org Website: www.scvgms.org

April 18 - 19: THOUSAND OAKS, CA Conejo Gem & Mineral Club Borchard Park Community Center 190 Reino Road at Borchard Road Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734

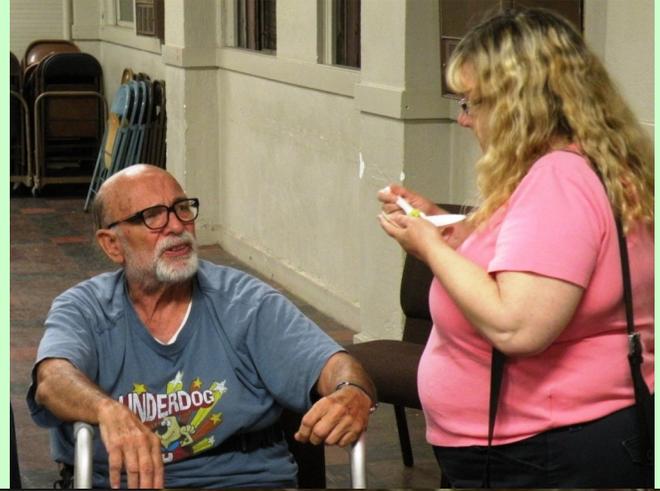
Email: rmsorca@roadrunner.com Website: www.cgamc.org

April 25 - 26: SANTA CRUZ, CA Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium Church Street & Center Street Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Dean Welder (408) 353-2675 Website: www.scmgs.org

April 10 - 12: VISTA, CA Vista Gem & Mineral Society Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue Hours: 9 - 5 daily Contact: Ray Pearce (760) 535-5524 & Simon King (619) 991-2226

Email: vistarocksgms@gmail.com Website: www.vistarocks.org

April 25 - 26: LANCASTER, CA Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society Lancaster High School 44701 - 32nd Street West Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: CJ Quitoriano, (661) 209-9092 Website: www.avgem.weebly.com



WEST COAST - SPRING **GEM & MINERAL SHOW**

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Cobaltian Calcite- Morocco
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CALIFORNIA'S GOLDEN BEAR



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

2015

JEWELRY, MINERAL & GEM FESTIVAL

June 12, 13 & 14, 2015

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